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Something of interest is coming

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Extra! Read All About It!
Lesson for January 18, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-15
Introduction

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" Whenever I hear that or see it in print, my ears and eyes immediately perk up. I know something of interest is coming. We each long for news that will brighten up our days and give life meaning. We may long for magnificant momenta to interrupt our dull hours. The Psalmist said with deep feeling, "As a hart pants after water, so longs my soul for thee, O God." And in Ecclesiastes we read, "As cool waters to parched lips, so is good news from a far country. "Hey, I can relate to that!" How good it is to receive news from home and to hear from those you love.

Christ The Herald [Matthew 9:35-38]

A herald is one who brings a message by word of mouth or written on paper. Jesus went a step further and heralded his message by deed as well as word. Jesus realized that the Gospel he came to herald had to be lived as well as spoken.

Jesus was and is newsworthy, that is, what he said and what he did is worth repeating and emulating. You see, Jesus spent a great deal more time healing the sick, feeding the hungry and comforting the troubled than merely talking about God. He demonstrated the love of God through acts of kindness.

Jesus was a compassionate Savior. He ministered to the human brokenness he saw all around him. He became a shepherd to the battered and bruised sheep of his time. He was deeply moved by the hurt and deprivation he saw, and his compassion lead him to respond with affirmative action.

Jesus' response to the broken humanity is to be copied by the church in our day. God's people are to both teach and act out the Gospel.

Harvest time is never ending for the church. The needs of people are ever present and time is never on our side. We can easily pray for laborers to participate in "the harvest," but we can also answer our own prayers by making ourselves available for ministry.

Becoming Little Christs [Matthew 10:1]

How do we engage in the ministry of healing? From where do we obtain authority to proclaim the kingdom? Well, we know that Jesus called his disciples and then authorized them to become healing ministers. They were more than messengers, however, for they were called to be ambassadors and representatives of him who called and sent them out.

In responding to Christ in faith, we also vow to become his companion in ministry to human needs.

A Special Commission [Matthew 10:5-15]

The main agenda for all followers of Christ is to proclaim the presence of the kingdom. Jesus sent his early apostles to proclaim the kingdom's message "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Jesus began his ministry to his own people primarily, but he did not shut anyone out because they happened to be Gentiles. After the death of Jesus the "great commission" was expanded to include all others, and not just the Jews.

The early apostles were sent out without payment and expectation of payment for their services. It would have been out of keeping with the kingdom's message had the apostles charged for their services. The message of the gospel is that salvation is a gift of God, and you don't pay for gifts. In a like manner, the things the apostles did were to be done with no strings attched.

The early apostles were told to travel lightly, depending on the hospitality of each community to meet their physical needs. How far could one go in today's society on that kind of "commission"? Modern full-time apostles must depend on churches and communities to support their needs in order for them to do ministry.

Any rejection of our efforts is not a notice to discontinue our ministry, for not everyone will gladly hear our message nor appreciate our ministry. Our concern is not success in ministry, but faithfulness in ministry.

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Jane Almond

Jane Almond cited by FBLA

The person chosen as FBLA Member of the Month for December has been very active in FBLA for two years.

In her junior year, she submitted articles to the **Times-Virginian** and the Pride of Virginia.

This year she oversaw the litter campaign, participated in the poster event, wrote the news article for the **Times-Virginian** and the school paper concerning the litter campaign, placed posters within ACHS, will escort the SCA committee around school for the litter campaign, wrote the final report to be submitted to the SCA on our work with litter control and visited Pete McCraw at Babcock Manor on her own time.

She also attended the Fall Officers Training Conference at Longwood College in October.

The Member of the Month is **Jane Almond**, president of our chapter, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Almond of Route 1, Pamplin, Virginia.

Study course slated

Southern Baptists will be having their annual January Bible Study Course using the book **Philippians, Rejoice In The Lord.**

The Rev. David A. Garrett of Evergreen will be teaching the study course on WTTX AM radio each day from 2:00 until 2:15 in the afternoon beginning on January 19 and continuing through January 23.

Individuals interested in participating in the course for credit may receive the book by sending $3.00 to cover the cost of postage and handling to Rev. David A. Garrett, Box 544, Route 1, Appomattox, Va.

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If you are concerned about someone with a drinking problem, the Al-Anon program can help you. Millions of people are affected by the excessive drinking of someone close. The following twenty questions are designed to help you decide whether or not you need Al-Anon:

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2. Do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking?
3. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking?
4. Do you feel that drinking is more important to your loved one than you are?
5. Do you think that the drinker's behavior is caused by his or her companions?
6. Are meal times frequently delayed because of the drinker?
7. Do you make threats, such as, "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?
8. When you kiss the drinker hello, do you secretly try to smell his or her breath?
9. Are you afraid to upset someone for fear it will set off a drinking bout?
10. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behavior?
11. Does it seem as if every holiday is spoiled because of drinking?
12. Have you considered calling the police because of drinking behavior?
13. Do you find yourself searching for hidden liquor?
14. Do you feel that if the drinker loved you, he or she would stop drinking to please you?
15. Have you refused social invitations out of fear and anxiety?
16. Do you sometimes feel guilty when you think of the lengths you have gone to control the drinker?
17. Do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?
18. Do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker into saying "I'm sorry," or "I love you"?
19. Do you ever treat people (children, employees, parents, co-workers, etc.) unjustly because you are angry at someone else for drinking too much?
20. Do you feel there is no one who understands your problems?

If you have answered yes to three or more of these questions, Al-Anon may be able to provide you with the help you need. Al-Anon meetings are held here in Appomattox every Tuesday night at St. Anne's Episcopal Church at 8 p.m., or you may call 352-8043 or 352-8715 for further information.

Coleman returns from merchants' conference

Dan G. Coleman of Coleman and Sons, has just returned from a two-and-a half day Southern States January Agency Merchandising Conference held at the Bonhomme Richard Inn in Williamsburg, Va. on January 8-9-10.

The session...one of six such conferences held throughout the cooperative's five-state operating territory...was held for training and informing Southern States retail personnel about products and service programs so they could give maximum service to local farmers this spring.

Featured at the conferences were merchandising program sessions on feed, fertilizer, farm supplies, seed, agricultural chemicals and tires, batteries and accessories.

There will also be special in depth schools held during the session devoted to seed, feed, farm supplies, fertilizer and chemicals.

The sessions were conducted by the cooperative's commodity specialists and supplier representatives.

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Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Jan. 12: It is still cold weather here. Freezing temperature for over a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Austin, Jr. of Appomattox are all smiles, "It's a boy born Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Ferguson of Pamplin were made great-grandparents last week. They have a new great-grandson born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Austin, Jr. on Jan. 4, 1981.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Chandler of Appomattox who have the first baby boy of 1981 for Appomattox County. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Nash of Appomattox.

The Friendship Circle had their meeting with Ruby Almond on Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was good and one new member to join, Joan Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin returned home after a visit to California.

The first snow of the season came on Tuesday night.

Schools were closed on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bessie Mann is able to be in a room at the hospital now. May she have a very speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Jane Almond who was FBLA Member of the month of Dec. at Appomattox County High School.

Rocks club didn't meet on last Thursday night but will meet with Christine Ranson on January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Sorry to hear Allen Franklin's mother is in the hospital. Hope she has a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Don Chandler and infant, Aaron Kenneth returned home from the hospital last Thursday.

At the business meeting on Wednesday night it was voted on to change the dedication of our new building and Baptistry to March 29.

Our devotional period at Sunday School next Sunday morning will be in the auditorium as usual.

Get well wishes go out to Louise Barkes of Tennessee who is in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ranson went to see her last week.

The Laura Lee Circle will go to Keysville on Tuesday. Leave church at 5:15 p.m. if weather is permitting.

A good crowd came out for the morning service. In spite of the very cold weather several visitors came out also.

Mrs. Lockie Martin went to the doctor last Monday morning for an eye check-up. She is doing fine. No more checks this year unless necessary.

Get well wishes to Ann Spain who is on the sick list.

James Martin was in with the flu last week. Hope he gets back on the job soon.

Ann Carwile lost her home by fire early Saturday morning. She is in the hospital, may she have a speedy recovery.

Sorry to hear Rev. David L. Bailey, Sr. is in the hospital. Get well wishes go out to him.

A number from Pamplin attended the Morris Hubbard funeral at Olive Branch Church Sunday afternoon. Sympathy goes out to his family and others.

Rachel Richardson is in the hospital. Hope she has a short stay there.

A large number attended the sale of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleshman Saturday. Things went very high.

There is a need for bandages in one of our Foreign mission Fields. They can be sent to Richmond. Due to cold weather and the work that is going on at the church it has been decided that each individual can roll them at home.

WILLIAM LOVEDAY, Chris Gunter and Keith Gunter (from left) hold a white deer which Keith shot Dec. 31. The deer, killed on private land in Buckingham County, will be mounted by Keith, who shot the animal.

Homemakers club meeting set

The Appomattox Homemakers Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 20 at Liberty Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m.

All members are urged to be present.

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Promise Land news

The regular church meeting of the Promise Land Baptist Church will be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month at 12 p.m. All officers and members are asked to be present. The program of work for the year will be planned.

The general public is invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. The assistant pastor Rev. Davis is asking all of the men to meet with him for a short meeting at the close of the morning worship. All men are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lawing and son attended the funeral Saturday in Colonial Heights, Va. at the Bethesda Baptist Church for the late deacon Austin Mennis, 103 years old. They were accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. M. L. Collier of Blackstone, Va.

Miss Audrey Wright Johnson of Broward State College, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and their son and his wife of Mt. Holly, N. J. were guest of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Doris Wright.

Mrs. Ella Florence Ferguson is improving slowly in the Lynchburg hospital. Let us pray for her recovery.

Mrs. Bessie Robinson is on the sick list.

Mr. John Louis Robinson of Baltimore is visiting his mother, Mrs. Bessie Robinson.

Mr. Claude Lewis of the Mt. Airy Community died early Saturday morning at his home. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Hollywood news

By MARY BAGBY

Mr. Frank Chernault of Buckingham was a visitor Tuesday night in the W. H. Wingfield home.

Mrs. Virgie Beasley daughter, Mrs. Claude Hamlett and son, Grover Beasley Jr. visited her last week at the Martin-Wooldridge Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr. spent several days last week in Waynesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Torrence and son celebrated their grandmother, Mrs. Love Torrence birthday with a birthday dinner at their home Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Torrence, Mrs. James Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and some of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present. Congratulations to Mrs. Torrence on her 86th birthday and may she have many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Goin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Craft and family celebrated Mrs. Goin's and Mrs. Craft's mother, Mrs. Ruby Webb's birthday at the Webb home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Clarence Davis and Mr. Craig Smith were visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Mrs. Madeline Inge visited in the home of Mr. Walker and Richard Webb and family Tuesday afternoon.

We had the first snow for 1981 Tuesday night along with sleet, ice and very cold weather. The schools in Appomattox County were all closed Wednesday due to the bad weather.

"Little words of kindness, little deeds of love, and little acts of self-sacrifice are little artful touches which tend so much to make our picture of life more beautiful and pleasing." (copied)

Zion Baptist news

Despite the cold weather Sunday a large crowd of members and friends attended the regular preaching service held at the Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, January 4 at 11 a.m. the Rev. Charles Lewis, pastor, delivered a challenging message. His subject was, "Beginning A New Year".

The Senior Choir rendered beautiful music with Mr. Howard Allen as pianist. The offering was very good. Rev. Lewis thanked all the clubs and organizations for remembering him and his family at Christmas. Communion was served at the closing of the service.

The ladies' aid will meet next Sunday at the church at 2 p.m. A special prayer was offered for our sick. Our former pastor, the Rev. H. J. Hendricks is in the hospital. Mr. Stanhop Allen of New York is in the hospital there. Mrs. Sarah Douthers is still on the sick list. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family of Mr. Percy Johnson in their loss.

A happy and prosperous New Year to everyone.

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Pamplin news

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miner returned last week from Leonardstown, Md., after a visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miner.

Mrs. Alex Nimmo, Agnes and Margaret returned from Girard, Pa., where they spent Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hughes.

Mr. Jim Collins of Appomattox and program director for the Pamplin Chapter AARP is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis over the New Year's weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Spain, Angela, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, Sarah and John, Colonial Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, Jennifer, Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Garrad, Kimberley, Mishy, Virginia Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood, South Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClenny, Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Eason (Thelma June) and family of Raleigh, N. C.

Recent guest of Mrs. R. M. Adams were: Mr. and Mrs. Layman Cash, Greensboro, N. C., Carolyn and Liza Frances, Spouts Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cash, South Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Roake and Carter, Jr., Gladys, Mrs. Rex Bruce, Hurt and Mrs. Lawrence Cash of Charlotte Court House.

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